



WILD WEST WINTERFEST

Experience the West

FEBRUARY 12 - 14, 2010



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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WORKING HORSE & DRIVER CONTEST INFORMATION

Sunday, February 14

Howdy!

Are you ready to "Experience The West" Montana Winter Style? The 2010 Wild West WinterFest will offer you the opportunity to do just that. The Working Horse and Driver Contest is a great way to showcase our Western Heritage. This year we are not sending out the patterns with the entry forms. The judges will post the patterns at the arena the night before and they will also be available at the MT. Draft Horse and Mule Association meeting on Saturday evening at WinterFest. The three traditional events, Obstacle Driving, Cultivating and Log Skidding will be the three events that will be used to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion Open and Novice Drivers. There will also be a "fun class" open to all who have entered the events. We have, again, included an obstacle class for single horses. If you enter the single horse event, you must provide your own cart or wagon. This class will be judged separately and is a way to get those of you with one horse involved. There will be ribbons and some prizes for these classes.

We are again accepting online entries this year if you would like to try that. You can also print off entry forms from our web site complete and fax back (406-582-3273) or just call the office (406-582-3270) and we will mail you the entry forms. **We are limiting entries again this year, so get your entry form in early to assure you have a place reserved in the competition.** If you can't enter early, please call the office before loading up and hauling and then getting here only to find that the event is full. The entry fees for this year's event are \$20/team and \$10 for the single horse class.

We want everyone to have a fun time and we want to have time for all the classes. We have allowed more time on the WinterFest Schedule this year for the Working Horse and Driver but it will be imperative to move things right along so everyone can get done and started home before dark.

We really would like you to come early and bring your horses so that the WinterFest guests can get to see them up close. There is **no charge for the stalls.** We encourage you to get your entries in early so that we can have everything ready when you get here. The Working Horses will have their own barn again this year, so there will be plenty of room. **The entrance for those with a trailer or stock truck will be the same as last year. The new**

contestant entrance and trailer parking area is located off Oak Street (West Annex) on the north side of the Fairgrounds. The West Annex Entrance will be the first entrance to the grounds if you are coming in from the west and the second if you are coming in from the east. There will be signs reading “Contestant Entrance”, “Trailer & Truck Parking”. The West Annex Entrance will help decrease the parking and traffic congestion on the north end of the Fairgrounds. It was a little confusing last year, but now you are old hands and will know right where to go (if not, give us a call). This year there will be an area reserved for Working Horse & Driver trucks & trailer in the West Annex very close to your barn.

To help with accommodation costs for the teamsters and their families the Bozeman Inn Motel (406-587-3176) and the Holiday Inn (406-587-4561) have offered special room rates to those who are attending and/or participating in the Wild West WinterFest.

There will be a Montana Draft Horse and Mule Association Board meeting at 5:00 pm on Saturday evening in the Midway Building (old Winter Fair Office) on the Fairgrounds and a general membership meeting at 6:00pm. If you’re not already a member of the association, this will be a good time for you to learn what the group does and how much fun they have doing it.

We have lots of fun “stuff” planned for this **two and ½ day** event, so plan to come as early as Thursday and stay through Sunday. If you’re driving here for the contest, you might as well make a stay of it!

Featured Activities Include

<u>EVERY DAY</u>			
Frontier Mercantile Sheriff's Posse Burgers Wagon Rides	Photography Show Rocky Mtn. Concessions Live Stage Entertainment	Quilt Show Petting Zoo Children's Art Show	McLien's Farm Barn Hockey Tournaments Hay Show
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle Sorting Event • Meet the Canine Breeds • Horse Sale Preview • Fairgrounds Foundation Bar-B-Q & Dance to “Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof” – Reserve your tickets early! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Breed Horse Sale • Stallion Service Auction • Winter Roundup 4-H Cattle Show • Chili Cook-Off • Battle of the Breeds • Youth Poultry/Rabbit Show • Packers' Scramble • XL Country Carhartt Sweetheart Dance with music by “Western Skies” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse & Driver Contest • Dog Keg Pull • Paws & People-Fun with Dogs • Dogs Stars • Cowboy Church • Doxie Derby • Ice Bogs 	

AND MORE! You can see, there will be plenty of things for you and your family to see and do! Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Sue Shockley, Manager
Gallatin County Fairgrounds



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WORKING HORSE & DRIVER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Sunday Feb. 14 8:30am-3:00pm

- Please print clearly.
- An entry form must be completely filled out, signed at the bottom, or entry will not be accepted.
- An entry form for **each DRIVER & TEAM COMBINATION** must be completed.
- All persons entering the Fairgrounds, including Exhibitors, **must purchase an Admission Ticket.**
- Early entry is strongly encouraged as ENTRIES ARE LIMITED (please mail or deliver to address above or enter online).
- Late entries will be taken from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 14 at the Indoor Arena provided classes have not filled. Entries are limited so please call before you come!
- Event Day/Time: Sunday, February 14, 2010 9 a.m.
- Competitors' Meeting at 8:30 a.m. **MANDATORY - ALL DRIVERS MUST ATTEND!** Have horses harnessed & ready to go and at the Arena.
- Entry Fee : \$20/Team \$10/Single Horse (includes Fun Event)

Teamster's Full Name: _____ NOVICE: _____ OPEN: _____

Teamster's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

CHECK CLASS/CLASSES YOU WISH TO ENTER:

☐ OBSTACLE TEAM

☐ FUN EVENT

☐ LOG PULL

☐ OBSTACLE - SINGLE HORSE

☐ CULTIVATING

STALL INFORMATION: We would like to have horses on display during WinterFest. There will be no charge for stalls and all teamster horses will be stalled in the "Sheep Barn" which has large stalls and a wide alley. MT. Draft Horse and Mule Assoc. Meeting on Sat. at 5:00PM in old Winter Fair Office.

Indicate Number of Stalls Needed: _____
Nights Stalls are Needed: Thu. 11th Fri. 12th Sat. 13th Sun. 14th

PLEASE INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR THE ANNOUNCER (i.e., owner's name, team name, age and weight of horses, etc.):

Horses Owner's Name: _____

Team Names & Breeds: _____

Other Info (use back of entry form):

PLEASE SIGN ON BACK

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

TEAMSTER #